

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 11-37, in accordance with the list of claims that begins on the following page, and which replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

List of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented) A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform operations for restoring data, the operations comprising:

- receiving a request for at least a portion of the data;
- creating a directory entry for the data in a virtual file system;
- allocating storage space for the data;
- initializing a block virtualization indicator to a value indicating that the data is not available;
- writing a subset of the data to the storage space;
- changing the block virtualization indicator to a value indicating that the data is available;
- identifying if an application performs a write that does not require a read/modify/write on a block of the data that has not yet been restored; and if so,
- marking the block of the data as discarded.

Claims 11-37 (canceled).